

*Sandrine takes a seat and is about to explain—when a waitress comes blasting in.*

*The waitress is in constant motion, always appearing and disappearing equally quickly.*

WAITRESS. Look at you two, tucked away in the corner over here! Lucky I found ya! (*Referring to Jimmy's couple of Buds.*) Is the man and his lovely lady ready for another round?

JIMMY. Sure, we'll [have a coupla beers]—

SANDRINE. No! We're not together.

JIMMY. Well [we used to be]—

SANDRINE. We're all set, thanks.

JIMMY. Well [don't you want a drink?]

SANDRINE. All set!

JIMMY. Okay—yeah, we're good.

WAITRESS. Okay. (*Taking in the weird dynamic; and then starting to go.*) Well, holler if you need anything.

SANDRINE. Thanks.

WAITRESS. (*Stopping.*) No really—you gotta holler. It's busy up front!

SANDRINE. (*To the waitress.*) Okay.

JIMMY. (*To the waitress.*) Okay.

WAITRESS. (*On her way out.*) Okay!

*And the waitress is gone.*

*Another awkward beat.*

JIMMY. (*Fishing.*) So, um...ya here with anybody, or...?

SANDRINE. Yeah—um...the girls.

JIMMY. Oh.

SANDRINE. We're, uh—... (*Covering.*) Girls' night! We're in the front. (*Getting up and starting to go—she wants out of this situation.*) Actually, I just had to use the ladies' room, so I should get back to // them.

JIMMY. (*Stopping her.*) Aw, but I haven't seen ya! They'll survive without ya for a minute or two! So, what's been—here—have a seat—so what's been goin' on, whatcha been up to?

SANDRINE. (*Giving in, sitting.*) Well—

JIMMY. Did you know that I took over my dad's business?

SANDRINE. Yeah, that's great!

JIMMY. I run it now! >

SANDRINE. I heard that.

JIMMY. I'm runnin' it! >

SANDRINE. Heard that.

JIMMY. Runnin' the business! >

SANDRINE. Congratula >

JIMMY. Runnin' the whole show, >

SANDRINE. tions!, Good for you!, Good for you.

JIMMY. the whole shebang—thanks—yeah. We still do heating and cooling, >

SANDRINE. Yeah?

JIMMY. and we've expanded, too. Just got into pellet stoves: sales and service.

SANDRINE. Oh.

JIMMY. Yeah, it's a lotta work. A lotta work. I'm on call a lot: weekends, holidays, you name it, 'cause, you know, your heat goes, people die, it's serious.

SANDRINE. Yeah.

JIMMY. Yeah. Like, I do Thanksgivin', Christmas, 'cause I let the guys who work for me, like, East helps with repairs sometimes, I let 'em have the day off so they can be with their families since I'm all alone this year.

SANDRINE. Oh.

JIMMY. Yeah. (*Driving the point home.*) I really don't have anybody anymore, really. My brother and sister got canned, so they left town. >

SANDRINE. Right...

JIMMY. And Mom and Dad retired, headed south.

SANDRINE. Yeah, I heard that.

JIMMY. Vermont.